



# County of Los Angeles CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 713, Los Angeles, California 90012  
(213) 974-1101  
<http://ceo.lacounty.gov>

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

August 22, 2013

Board of Supervisors  
GLORIA MOLINA  
First District

MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS  
Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY  
Third District

DON KNABE  
Fourth District

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
Fifth District

To: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman  
Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky  
Supervisor Don Knabe  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: William T Fujioka  
Chief Executive Officer

## **MOTION TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF AB 13 (AGENDA ITEM NO. 10, MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2013)**

Item No. 10 on the August 27, 2013 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich to send a letter to the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee in support of AB 13 and urge the Committee to move the bill forward to allow veterans to qualify for the same in-state tuition rates currently extended to all qualifying California students.

Existing law provides an exemption to students who were members of the Armed Forces and who were stationed in California on active duty for more than one year from paying non-resident tuition at the University of California (UC), California State University (Cal State) or California Community Colleges (CCC).

AB 13 (Chávez), which as amended on June 24, 2013, would eliminate the requirement that a student be stationed in California prior to discharge from active duty to receive the non-resident tuition exemption at schools within the UC, Cal State or CCC systems. The bill would maintain the requirement that students be honorably discharged from duty within the prior year and would provide the exemption for up to one year if the student files an affidavit stating his or her intention to establish residency in California.

Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, veterans who have been honorably discharged are eligible for financial support and housing. Specifically, the GI Bill covers up to 36 months of education benefits, which are generally payable for 15 years following an honorable

*"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"*

**Please Conserve Paper – This Document and Copies are Two-Sided  
Intra-County Correspondence Sent Electronically Only**

Each Supervisor  
August 22, 2013  
Page 2

release from active duty. The GI Bill covers full tuition and fees at all public schools for in-state students. However, veterans utilizing their GI Bill benefits who attend private schools or public schools as a non-resident are required to pay the difference in tuition rates.

According to Assemblymember Chávez, the purpose of AB 13 is to encourage veterans to attend schools of higher education in California and to allow them to complete school without paying tuition out of pocket. AB 13 would waive current residency requirements and extend the exemption for paying non-resident tuition to all veterans who have been honorably discharged from active duty regardless of where they had been stationed.

AB 13 was placed in the Senate Appropriations Suspense File on August 12, 2013 and will be considered on or before August 30, 2013. The bill has received bi-partisan support and has received unanimous approval in previous policy committees and on the Assembly Floor.

AB 13 is supported by: AFSCME; California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office; California Catholic Conference; Community College League of California; Coast Community College District Student Council; Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; San Diego College Student Veterans Organization; American Legion-Department of California; AMVETS; Association of County Veterans Service Offices; California State Commanders Veterans Council; VFW - Department of California; Vietnam Veterans of America - California State Council; State Center Community College District; Riverside Community College District; Kern Community College District; Rancho Santiago CCD; North Orange County CCD; Chaffey College; College of the Canyons. There is no registered opposition.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs indicates that any legislative efforts to allow veterans who are recently discharged, released from duty, and retired members of the armed forces to qualify for in-state tuition rates would allow veterans to better afford attending California universities and community colleges.

As there is no specific Board-approved policy related to tuition rates for veterans or exemptions for honorably discharged veterans from paying non-resident tuition, **approval of this motion is a matter of Board policy determination.**

We will continue to keep you advised.

WTF:RA  
MR:KA:ma

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel